

NSA News: Major changes are underway for Australia’s leadership on Ageing and Age Care following the federal election.....

Following Labor’s election victory, mark Butler is now Minister for Health and Ageing, with newcomer Sam Rae appointed Aged Care and Seniors Minister.PM Anthony Albanese’s ministerial reshuffle has seen the creation of a Cabinet level Ageing portfolio, and the appointment of a new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors. Existing Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler’s role has been adjusted and expanded. He is now Minister for Health and Ageing, Disability, and National Disability Insurance. Replacing “Aged Care “ with “Ageing” is a subtle but important difference. NSA has long called for a Minister for Older Australian’s and welcomes the recognition of Ageing as a Cabinet-level portfolio and the addition of responsibility for seniors to the Aged Care Ministry. “NSA is pleased to see ‘ageing’ recognised in cabinet through the change in Minister Butler’s title to encompass Health and Ageing,” said NSA CEO Chris Grice. “This signifies that government understands the importance and needs of an ageing population.” “Ther are many issues facing Australians of any age. Many experience ageism, barriers to mature age employment, elder abuse, poverty, and home-Lessness which require government support and intervention.” In an statement issued after the ministry announcement, Mr. Butler said, “Our task is crystal clear: to strengthen Medicare, protect the PBS, deliver a generational reform to aged care, and secure the future of the NDIS.” NSA believes a key focus for Mr. Butler should be a full review of the private health insurance system to reduce health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs. And improve the interface between hospitals and aged care to reduce ramping and access to care.

New Aged Care and Seniors Minister, Sam Rae, 38, has replaced Anika Wells, who is now Minister for Communications and Sport. Mr Rae will have a big job managing the introduction of the new Aged Care and Support at Home program on 1 July 2025, a timeframe that providers have labelled problematic. NSA will be calling on the new minister to prioritise reducing wait times for home care services to 3 month.

First-time Tasmanian MP Rebecca White will be the Assistant Minister for Health and Age Care, Indigenous Health and Women. Former Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek, is now Minister for Social Services, giving her responsibility for delivering government services including the Age Pension through Services Australia. With many older people regularly interfacing with Services Australia and Centrelink. NSA will seek to improve and streamline Age Pension systems and processes. Dr. Jim Chalmers continues as Treasurer. NSA will continue to pursue its call to protect superannuation and improve the retirement income system, including a freeze on pension deeming rates, and establishment of an Australia Post Bank .We will also be watching the implementation of the cash mandate, due on 1 January 2026, as part of the Keep Cash Campaign.

Dr. Andrew Leigh is now the Assistant Minister for Productivity, Competition, Charities and Treasury. NSA will continue to advocate for the Productivity Commission to pursue urgent reform of private health insurance, lowering premiums and reducing health care costs for older Australians.

NSA looks forward to working with the government, opposition and all MPs and Senators as we continue our advocacy on behalf of older Australians, including those involved with the Parliamentary Friends of Seniors.

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## Aged Rights Advocacy Service

### Branch Diary

Guest Speakers		
16 <sup>th</sup> June	ARAS -----Older Persons Network	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Joe Leborec from ACH re their Social experiences	
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	TTG Council , Act of Aging Officer	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Peter Saches	Glider Pilot

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Modbury National Seniors meet every third Monday of the month (4<sup>th</sup> if Public Holiday) at 1.30pm at the Lutheran Homes, 1217 Grand junction Rd. Hope Valley, except November and December. Entrance fee \$ 5.00

Postal address: NSA Modbury, PO Box 499

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**We always welcome visitors and potential new members. If after 3 or 4 visits you find that you enjoy coming to our meetings and being part of our group why not become a financial member of National Seniors Australia? Members are able to get involved in discussing and taking part in community issues pertaining to Senior Australians.**

**You can also take part in social events, hear interesting guest-speakers and meet like-minded members at other branches. Most importantly members can ensure that their voice is heard on issues affecting the over 6 mill. Australians over 50!**

**Only financial members are covered by NSA Insurance on outings! Financial members will also be given preference when there is a limit on numbers e.g. Christmas Lunch, Bus Trips etc.**

	Single	Joint
1year membership	\$49.50	\$80
2 year	\$88	\$143
3 year	\$120	\$180
5 year	\$220	\$325

Enrolment forms can be found on activities Table or from Treasurer. M/fees can be paid at the post office or by phone . No Credit card surcharge applies!

**Riddle: I am not alive but I grow, I don't have lungs but need air. What am I?**

**Grandma's Wit and Wisdom: Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect**

**Interesting facts: The words proctalgia, pygalgia and rectalgia all mean 'pain in the backside'**

## Forthcoming events for 2024-----2025

**Monday 30st June, 12 noon, Modbury Plaza Hotel,** We will have a Coffee/Tea station as usual, Please put your name in the Outings Folder if interested.

**If unable to attend please let Rosalie know on 0416 010 329**

**June Birthdays:** Dianne Broadbent(4), Dean Roberts(11), Jan Woodget(12), Eric Schubert(28), Viola Cadzow(25),

**Weddings: Nil**

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to All**

**Hear, hear ....**

A medical doctor, an engineer and a politician were discussing their professions. Which was the oldest? The medical doctor reminded the others that the Book of genesis clearly stated that the first women was created from a rib of a man. This was a medical function, so one must agree that his profession was the oldest. Whereupon the engineer argued that earlier in the Book of Genesis there was a reference that God created order and calm out of chaos and mayhem. "That would take an engineer ."

"Oh, no," cried the politician. We go back further than that. Who do you think created the chaos in the first place?"

The political candidate knocked hopefully on the door of a prospective supporter in the electorate and introduced himself. Much to his surprise, the lady of the house remarked, 'I'm certainly not going to vote for you !'

'But,' said the candidate , you've never seen my opponent,'

'No,' said the lady, 'but I've had a damn good look at you!'

**Q: What's the difference between capitalism and socialism?**

**A: In a capitalist society, man exploit man, in a socialist one, it's the other way around.**

**A thief pressed a knife into a man's back and said, 'Give me your money !'**

**Shocked the man replied, "You can't do that to me! I'm a politician!"**

**The thief replied, " In that case, give me my money!"**

